

(55,56,57) where the polyethylene glycol can be attached to residues of lysine or arginine (58,59,60).

The following concerns immunogenicity. For drugs that are antibodies, enzymes, cytokines, and hormones, what is desired is that it is not immunogenic. In other words, what is desired for these particular drugs is that the drug does not provoke an immune response against the drug itself. But in striking contrast, for drugs that are vaccines, the purpose of the drug is to stimulate immune response against the drug itself, and (hopefully) also to stimulate an immune response against the infecting agent or tumor that contains a similar or identical polypeptide sequence. Knowledge of the amino acids is needed for understanding all of the above issues.

IV. ANIMAL MODELS

a. Introduction

Regulatory approval for drugs requires data on safety and efficacy in animals. While data on safety can be acquired from studies on mice, rats, rabbits, dogs, and primates, data on efficacy can only be acquired where there is an available animal model of the disorder in question. Where the goal of the drug is to enhance wound healing, it is easy to find a suitable animal model (all that is needed is to surgically remove a circle of skin from the animal). However, where the goal of the drug is to treat diseases such as cancer, immune diseases, or infections, there is a need to find an appropriate animal model.

While rodents spontaneously develop various cancers, it is not practical to acquire a group of rodents with the same type of cancer, and at the same stage of the cancer, at the same time. The array of tumors that occur spontaneously in rats has been exhaustively documented (61,62).

Separate animal models are available for various types of cancer. Marks (63) identified sources of various animal cancer models. Nandan and Yang (64) Kuperwasser

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